

IN THE CLAIMS

Amendments To The Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium having stored thereon a tool for building an information system, the tool ~~onto a computer-readable medium~~ comprising:

a builder component that receives one or more transaction structures and one or more information views that form a business process, and creates a plurality of definitions using the one or more transaction structures and the one or more information views; and

an executor engine component that uses the plurality of definitions created by the builder component to assemble the information system at run time;

wherein after the information system is assembled, the information system is modifiable or expandable by one or more additional transaction structures and/or one or more additional information views without any down time.

11. (Previously Presented) The tool of claim 10, wherein each of the one or more transaction structures comprises one or more data containers, one or more input fields, one or more graphical user interface definitions, one or more validation statements, one or more process maps, or one or more print formats.

12. (Previously Presented) The tool of claim 10, further comprising a database wherein the definitions created by the builder component are stored as definition data in the database and accessed by the executor engine component.

13. (Previously Presented) The tool of claim 10, wherein after the information system is assembled, the builder component is capable of receiving the one or more additional transaction structures and/or the one or more additional information views and creating one or more additional definitions, and the executor engine component is capable of assembling the one or more additional definitions created by the builder component to modify and expand the existing information system without any down time.

14. (Previously Presented) The tool of claim 10, wherein the executor engine component comprises:

- a process request server that processes one or more transaction or information requests; and

- a graphical user interface layer that presents a user interface of the information system to a user, receives one or more transaction or information requests, and submits the one or more transaction or information requests to the process request server.

15. (Previously Presented) The tool of claim 10, wherein the information system is domain-neutral.

16. (Previously Presented) The tool of claim 10, wherein the one or more transaction structures, the one or more information views, the one or more additional transaction structures or the one or more additional information views is received via the Internet.

17. (Previously Presented) A method of building an information system onto a computer-readable medium comprising:

- creating a plurality of definitions with a builder that uses one or more transaction structures and one or more information views that form a business process;

- assembling the information system with an executor engine that uses the plurality of definitions created by the builder to assemble the information system at run time;

- modifying and expanding the information system without any downtime, if one or more additional transaction structures and/or one or more additional information views

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